Title : Need for special package to the drought hit kutch district of Gujarat

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): Madam Chairman, with your kind permission, I would like to make a mention about the situation prevailing in my constituency. This year, on the one hand, there is unprecedented heavy rains in many parts of Gujarat. On the other hand, in my constituency, Kutch, half of the Kutch District is facing drought situation. There is acute shortage of drinking water and fodder particularly in five taluks like Bhuj, Nakhtrana, Lakhpat, Abadasa and Mandvi. In these areas, people's main livelihood is cattle breeding. They are residing at a far offf place. They are on the border area. They are not having any fodder and drinking water. Last year also, we had faced the same situation.

So, I urge upon the Central Government to give a special package for this. Secondly, in one sentence, I would like to submit that due to heavy rains in many parts of Maharashtra, particularly in Mumbai, lakhs and lakhs of people have been affected. They are from my constituency and they are settled there. They are all dealing in grain, pepper and miscellaneous business. Due to heavy rains, they have lost their things in the godowns. They have been ruined. So, I earnestly urge upon the Government of India to kindly give a special package for the drought-stricken area. The Railway authorities in the past were making arrangements in the transportation of fodder from Madhya Pradesh and other parts. Similarly, this year also, it can be made. Thank you[R65].